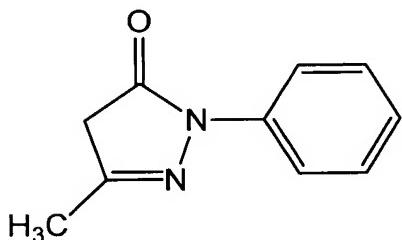


Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A percutaneous absorption type cerebral protective agent characterized by containing comprising, as an active ingredient, 0.1 to 30 percent by mass of 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-5-one represented by the following formula:



or a medically acceptable salt thereof in a base.

2. (Currently Amended) The percutaneous absorption type cerebral protective agent according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the base is an aqueous base.

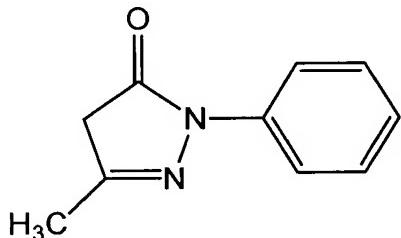
3. (Currently Amended) The percutaneous absorption type cerebral protective agent according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the aqueous base contains, comprises, based on a total amount of the aqueous base, 1 to 20 percent by mass of a water-soluble polymer, 0.01 to 20 percent by mass of a cross-linking agent, 10 to 80 percent by mass of polyhydric alcohol, and 1 to 80 percent by mass of water.

4. (Currently Amended) The percutaneous absorption type cerebral protective agent according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the base is a rubber base.

5. (Currently Amended) The percutaneous absorption type cerebral protective agent according to claim 4, characterised in that wherein the rubber base contains, comprises, based on the total amount of the rubber base, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a rubber polymer, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a plasticizer, and 5 to 50 percent by mass of a tackifier.

6. (Currently Amended) A use of A method of manufacturing a pharmaceutical composition, the method comprising:

combining a percutaneous absorption type pharmaceutical composition that comprises, as an active ingredient, 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-5-one represented by the following formula:



or a medically acceptable salt thereof in an amount of 0.1 to 30 percent by mass in with a base, as an active ingredient for the manufacture of a percutaneous absorption type pharmaceutical composition for protecting brain in an amount of 0.1 to 30 percent by mass.

7. (Currently Amended) The use-method according to claim 6, characterised in that wherein the base is an aqueous base.

8. (Currently Amended) The use-method according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein the aqueous base contains, comprises, based on a total amount of the aqueous base, 1 to 20 percent by mass of a water-soluble polymer, 0.01 to 20 percent by mass of a cross-linking agent, 10 to 80 percent by mass of polyhydric alcohol, and 1 to 80 percent by mass of water.

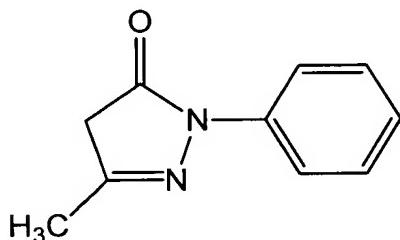
9. (Currently Amended) The use-method according to claim 6, characterised in that wherein the base is a rubber base.

10. (Currently Amended) The use-method according to claim 9, characterised in that wherein the rubber base contains, comprises, based on the total amount of the rubber base, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a rubber polymer, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a plasticizer,

and 5 to 50 percent by mass of a tackifier.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting ~~brain~~ against cerebral dysfunction, comprising:

administering to a patient a percutaneous absorption type pharmaceutical composition that comprises, as an active ingredient, 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-5-one represented by the following formula:



or a medically acceptable salt thereof in an amount of 0.1 to 30 percent by mass in a base.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that wherein the base is an aqueous base.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, characterized in that wherein the aqueous base contains, comprises, based on a total amount of the aqueous base, 1 to 20 percent by mass of a water-soluble polymer, 0.01 to 20 percent by mass of a cross-linking agent, 10 to 80 percent by mass of polyhydric alcohol, and 1 to 80 percent by mass of water.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that wherein the base is a rubber base.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, characterized in that wherein the rubber base contains, comprises, based on the total amount of the rubber base, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a rubber polymer, 10 to 50 percent by mass of a plasticizer, and 5 to 50 percent by mass of a tackifier.